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Sen. Cropsey responds to Michigan House passing legislation removing certification of ballot proposals from the Board of State Canvassers

LANSING— The Michigan House passed legislation today placing control over the state's ballot-petition process in the hands of the nonpartisan State Bureau of Elections.

State Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, lead sponsor of the Senate portion of the package of bills, made the following statement today after the House approved the legislation:

“For too long now the Board of State Canvassers has been flouting the law by its reckless behavior. Regardless of the issues, the board has had the constitutional duty to certify valid initiatives brought before it by the voters of this state. This House action today is one step closer to restoring integrity to the elections process and upholding the constitutional rights of voters.”

House Bills 5648-5650 and Senate Bills 973-976 will now be sent to the governor for her signature.

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